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Multi Planar Technologies, Inc., a Corporation of the State of California, certifies that it is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of an assignment from the inventor of the patent application identified above. A copy of the executed, unrecorded assignment is attached hereto. The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to act on behalf of the assignee.

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